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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/890,490	<b>Applicant(s)</b> YEO ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Duc M. Nguyen	<b>Art Unit</b> 2685	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply.**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Priority*

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –  
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **Liebetreu et al** (US Pat. Number 5,949,832).

Regarding claims 1-2, **Liebetreu** discloses a method of tuning a receiver for a digital signal (see Abstract), the method comprising the steps of:

filtering an input signal (RF-in) to obtain a processed signal (see Figs 1-2),  
determining a digital figure of merit (BER) from the processed signal (see Fig. 2 and col. 5, lines 58-65); and  
fine-adjusting the filtering step in dependence on the digital figure of merit (see Figs. 2, 4 and col. 6, lines 56-64).

Regarding claim 3, **Liebetreu** discloses at least one partial filtering step (see col. 6, lines 47-64) and optimizing the figure-of –merit as claimed (see col. 8, lines 39-45).

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Regarding claim 4, **Liebetreu** discloses at least two partial filtering steps (coarse and fine) with two control signals as claimed (see col. 6, lines 47-64), wherein the IFREQ signal read on the “first control signal” and the DAC control signal read on the “second control signal”.

Regarding claim 5, it is clear that the circuitry of filter in **Liebetreu** is factory pre-aligned as part of the quality control process in order to detect defected components (also see col. 1, line 60 – col. 2, line 3).

Regarding claim 6, the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1 above.

### ***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US005930696A to **Tzuang** et al, US006169569B1 to **Widmer** et al, US005404161A to **Douglass** et al, US006560270B1 to **Hischke**, US006307442B1 to **Meyer** et al, US006070062A to **Yoshida** and US006307443B1 to **Gabara**.

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Or to Edward Urban (Supervisor) whose telephone number is (571) 272-7899.

Duc M. Nguyen

June 18, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duc M. Nguyen', written over the printed name and date.